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Constantinople, Febr. 22. *N. S.*

THE Count *d'Otting*, Ambassador Extraordinary from the Emperor, came on the 5th Instant to a Village within two hours of this Place, and arrived here on the 8th. My Lord *Paget*, Ambassador from His Majesty of *Great-Britain*, sent his Secretary with several Gentlemen, and Servants in Livery, as did likewise the *Dutch* Ambassador, to Compliment the Imperial Ambassador, and attend him in his Publick Entry, which was in the manner following. First marched the Bassa of *Nicopoli*, (who conducted the Ambassador from *Russinck* hither,) with his Retinue, after him an *Oda* or Company of Janizaries, with their Aga and other Officers; Then came the *Dutch* Ambassador's Gentleman of the Horse, 7 Led Horses, and several of his Servants in Liveries, and the *Dutch* Merchants; At a little distance from these, my Lord *Paget*'s Gentleman of the Horse, 9 Led Horses, 12 Servants in Livery, his Excellency's Secretary, and the *English* Gentlemen and Merchants, and their Servants; Then followed divers Chiaouxes, and other *Turkish* Officers, the Imperial Ambassador's principal Servants, divers Led Horses, his Gentleman of the Horse, his Hautboys and Trumpets, divers Noblemen and Gentlemen who accompanied his Excellency from *Germany*; Next came the Ambassador himself on Horseback, with 20 Heydukes walking on each side, and his Excellency's Druggerman or Interpreter, with the rest of his Retinue, closed the March. On the 13th Count *Otting* had Audience of the Grand Visier, to whom he delivered the Presents sent him by the Emperor, and the Visier presented the Ambassador with a rich Sable Vest, and the Gentlemen of his Retinue, to the number of 100, with Caftans or Vests; And the 16th being appointed for his Audience of the Grand Signior, he accordingly went that day to the Serraglio; His Excellency was received by the Grand Visier, accompanied by the other Visiers in the Chamber where the Divan usually assemble; And it being a day on which the Janizaries were paid, his Excellency was entertained with seeing the manner in which 'tis done; After which the Visier treated him at Dinner, and then his Excellency and his Retinue were vested with Caftans, and conducted to his Audience of the Grand Signior in the usual manner, where he delivered the Emperor's Presents; And the Audience being over, he was reconducted to his House. On the 17th the Imperial Ambassador was visited by my Lord *Paget*, and by the *Dutch* Ambassador. My Lord *Paget* having some days ago received Letters from the King his Master to the Grand Signior and the Grand Visier, in Answer to those they writ to His Majesty, to thank him for his Mediation at the late Treaty of *Carlowitz*, his Excellency went to deliver them to the Grand Visier. Having crossed the Water, his Excellency was met by the *English* Merchants that are here, and proceeded to the Visier's Palace in the following Order; First marched six Janizaries, then the *English* Gentlemen very well mounted, his Excellency's Liveries two and two, his Interpreters, his Gentleman of the Horse, 7 Led Horses nobly accoutred; The Honourable *Thomas Paget* Esq; carried the King's Letters, attended by several Footmen, two of which held the Reins of his Horse; Next came the Ambassador's Pages, then the Ambassador himself, 6 Heydukes and as many select Cohadars walking on each side his Horse, followed by the Gentlemen of his Excellency's Retinue and his other principal Servants on Horseback. The Visier received my Lord *Paget* with all imaginable Demonstrations of Civility and Respect, and presented his Excellency and his principal Attendants with Vests. His Excellency returned to his House in the same order, being saluted as he crossed the Water by two *English* Merchant Ships, the *King William*, and the *Delaware*; And his Excellency gave afterwards a very splendid Entertainment to the *English* Merchants who accompanied him.

From the Saxon Camp before Riga, *Mar.* 14. *N. S.* The greatest part of our Cannon being arrived, we are preparing several Batteries against the Town. The Besieged have received another Reinforcement of 300 Men, and continue to ply us with their Cannon, which hitherto have done little execution. General *Fleming* has given Orders for Attacking the *Dunamunder* Fort, a Post of great consequence to the Town, and which is defended by 1000 Men, and a Detachment of 1500 *Saxons* have already invested it; And 'tis said, they are to Storm the Fort this night. The discourse continues, that a very considerable Body of *Finlanders* are marching to relieve *Riga*.

Copenhagen, March 23. Orders are given for the King of *Denmark*'s Coronation, which Solemnity will be performed in *Easter* week; And 'tis said, the King will soon after go to *Holstein*. The Sieur *Greiffencranz*, who came to this Place some days ago from *Stockholme*, is on his departure for the Courts of *Hanover* and *Cell*. The *Danish* Fleet is ready, and will put to Sea as soon as the Seamen are arrived, who are daily expected from *Norway*.

Vienna, March 17. An Express arrived here the 15th Instant from *Constantinople*, with an Account of Count *Otting*'s arrival there, and of his having had Audience of the Grand Signior. These Letters add, that the *Muscovite* Envoy had as yet made but little Advance in his Negociation for prolonging the Truce, or making a Peace between the Czar and the Grand Signior, the difficulty concerning the Restitution of *Azof* still lying in the way. The Emperor having received an Account, that the *French* are ready to deliver up *Brisac*, he has ordered General *Thungen* to take Possession of that Place with a Garrison of 5000 Men, and Directions are given for sending thither 70 Pieces of Cannon. The States of *Transilvania* have granted the Emperor 800000 Florins, as a Subsidy for the ensuing year.

Sleswick, March 24. On the 22d Instant, Major-General *Carmaillon* came with 16 Batallions of *Danish* Foot before this Place, where the Duke of *Holstein* had a small Garrison, who not being in a con-